Superfast Railway Train from Ahmedabad to Pune and Bombay

910. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS bep be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to introduce a super fast train between Ahmedabad and Pune;

(b) if so, when the train is likely to start operating;

(c) when was the last train introduced between Ahmedabad and Bombay; and

(d) what is the present traffic between Ahmedabad and Bombay and future programmes to eliminate congestion on this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. 31/32 Bombay-Gandhidham Express was introduced from 2.10 1984.

(d) 7 pairs of Mail/Express and 2 pairs of passenger trains are, at present, available between Bombay and Ahmedabad, besides other sectional services. These are considered adequate to meet the requirements of present traffic.

Calcutta Dock Labour Board's Decision on Provident Fund Contribution

911. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have asked the Chairman of the Calcutta Dock Labour Board (CDLB) to take necessary administrative steps to withdraw the benefits of higher provident fund contribution and attendance allowance that were awarded in 1978 with retrospective effect from January, 1974;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Dock workers at Calcutta have resorted to protect actions against this arbitrary decision of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) On consideration of audit objections regarding the method in which Calcutta Dock Labour Board calculated its contribution to the Provident Fund and the rate of Attendance Allowance to the Registered Dock Workers, the Calcutta Dock Labour Board was advised by the Central Government in February, 1983 to follow the methods suggested by audit. These instructions were reiterated in January, 1986.

(c) and (d) As a protest the Registered Dock Workers of Calcutta Dock Labour Board resorted to boycott of pay for January, 1987 and also resorted to half a day's token strike on 12-2-1987. The representatives of Labour unions in Calcutta Dock Labour Board have submitted memoranda in this regard and pending Government's re-examination of it the *status-quo ante* in regard to payment of Board's contribution to Contributory Provident Fund and method of calculation of Attendance Allowance has been restored. As a result the workers have lifted the pay boycott and restored normalcy.

Conduct of a Doctor of World University Services Health Centre in Delhi University

912. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether during an enquiry being conducted by the Delhi University in the conduct of a doctor of World University Services Health Centre, sufficient evidence has come on record that expired, spoiled, banned drug had been distributed from the

Centre to the patients as per directions of the Chief Medical Officer;

(b) whether during the enquiry evidence has also come on record about the irregularities in the store including the non-maintenance of records and use of sub-standard material in the Centre; and

(c) if yes, the action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Delhi University some allegations were made in the past that the Health Centre had been issuing outdated medicines to the patients. These allegations were looked into by the University, Delhi Administration and the Ministry of Health and they were found to be without any basis.

Larger seating capacity planes for Vayudoot

913. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to purchase planes with larger seating capacity for Vayudoot; and

(b) when would Vayudoot service on the Madras, Tanjore-Tinnevelli route become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Vayudoot has already started operations to Thanjavur and Madras. Since Tirunelvelli (Tinnevelli) does not have any operttional air-field, it would not be possible to specify a time frame by Vayudoot services can be provided there.

Health Scheme for Children in the Country

914. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the *Times of India* of 11th December, 1986 under the caption 'whom world neglects die young';

(b) if so, what are the reasons of death of children in India in massive scale; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to Save the life of the Indian Children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government is aware of the news item.

(b) and (c) The major causes of child mortality in the country are diarrhoea, malnutrition, respiratory infection and communicable diseases. The associated factors are low socia-economic status and poor environmental sanitation.

The steps taken by the Government to reduce infant and child mortality include expansion of existing health infra-structure, training of health manpower, health education, adoption of risk approach, universal immunisation of children, control of diarrhoeal diseases, prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme.

915. [Transferred to the 6th March, 1987].

Free Rail Passes

916. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons to whom the Railways have issued special free passes during the last three years; and